

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Congress has approved

Local transportation projects earmarks in the FY06 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development

In addition, the bill includes \$400,000 for the Western Mass Enterprise Fund, Inc. (WMEF) in Greenfield

Olver is the Ranking Member (most senior Democrat) of the Appropriations Subcommittee on

Transportation, Treasury, HUD, the Judiciary and DC and worked to secure the funding.

The House and Senate approved the bill on Friday, Nov. 18, 2005. The bill now goes to the president

The conference report contains the following earmarks:

\$1.8 million for reconstruction of Route 10/202 in Southwick

This funding will go toward a phased project to reconstruct Route 10/202 from the Connecticut state line

Olver said, "Ultimately, the project will create a downtown business district for Southwick with the goal

The overall project includes resurfacing the roadway from the Connecticut state line to the center of So

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\$900,000 for design and construction of the Union Street railroad bridge underpass in West Springfield

The goal of this project is to improve transportation to and around West Springfield's CSX rail yard, wh

Olver said, "In the West Springfield CSX rail yard we have a unique asset that is significantly under uti

The current Union Street Bridge underpass provides only 12 feet of vertical clearance, which restricts t

Improvements to the Union Street Bridge Underpass creates an opportunity to remedy this situation by

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\$400,000 for the Western Mass Enterprise Fund, Inc. (WMEF) in Greenfield

These funds will assist WMEF in providing business development resources to micro-enterprises and s

WMEF operates in partnership with community development corporations (CDCs), banks and other co

Chris Sikes, executive director, WMEF, said, "This grant will allow the enterprise fund to go much more

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